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Dear Parents/Carers of year 11 students,

You may have noticed over the summer and in the recent news that there have been updates to the GCSE English Literature exam for summer 2021. Below I have outlined how your child will be affected by these changes.

1. The students will have to complete an exam on Shakespeare (Macbeth) and unseen poetry. This content is compulsory for all students and will be assessed on Paper 2.
2. Paper 1 will have 3 sections: pre-1914 literature (A Christmas Carol), post-1914 literature (An Inspector Calls) and poetry from 1789. Students will select 2 of these 3 sections in the exam. As students in year 11 have already studied A Christmas Carol and An Inspector Calls, we have made the decision not to study the poetry anthology, and instead devote our time to revising the texts they have already read.
3. If your child does not already have their own copies of Macbeth, A Christmas Carol and An Inspector Calls, these will shortly be available to purchase from the Finance Office.

Please contact me if you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely

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